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Please amend paragraph [0048] of page 9 as follows:

[0048] In one embodiment, a packet classification method and apparatus accepts a QoS policy input. The method and apparatus may in one embodiment only support classification using a specific set of packet fields and environmental values. Each packet field and environmental value is referred to as a dimension of the classification. For example, the classification method and apparatus described in a co-pending commonly owned application entitled METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PACKET CLASSIFICATION WITH MULTIPLE ANSWER SETS, Serial No. 09/316,466, now U.S. Patent No. 6,529,508, by Renwei Li, Thomas W. Ng, Paul Terry, and Henry Lee, supports 8-dimensional packet classification based on the following packet fields and environmental values according to one embodiment:

source IP address from the IP header

destination IP address from the IP header

source TCP or UDP port from the TCP or UDP header

destination TCP and UDP port from the TCP or UDP header

protocol from the IP header

type of service from the IP header

Ack flag from the TCP header

arrival interface from the environment

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